

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BASEBALL AND TENNIS IS THAT ONE IS PLAYED ON AND OTHER IN COURTS

TEN MANAGERS ADMIT THEIR CLUBS WILL COP FLAGS NEXT SEASON

Pennant Predictions Sign That Old National Pastime Can't Be Killed Even in Courts—McGraw, Moran and Robinson Very Optimistic

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by Public Ledger Co. REGARDLESS of the American League long-winded and long-distance scrap, managers of both leagues are making plans for the coming season. More than that, they are making pennant predictions and things like that, which show it is hard to put the old game down and out even in the courts. To date there are five pennant winners in the National and the same number in the American, because ten big league pilots admitted it at the meeting in New York last week.

Everybody seemed pleased with the new rule which lengthened the training season to six weeks. This will give a better chance to look over the rookie material and also allow more time for the veterans to work out the links developed in the winter months. Last year many good players, especially the pitchers, developed sore arms and did not recover until July. Charley horses also were common and the shortness of the training season was blamed for the injuries. Nothing like that is expected to happen next year. The return of the 154-game schedule also has caused much joy.

John McGraw when cornered in the Waldorf last Thursday said he would present a strong ball club next year and his infield would be greatly strengthened. He asserted he had a couple of deals in mind and would tell about them later. In regard to the coming season he said: "Naturally I like my own chances for the pennant, and I say this nevertheless knowing that the Cubs and the Reds will be in the van from the start. I always have declared that the pitching staff makes up 65 per cent of the players of a team. Well, my 65 per cent is, or will be, all there next year unless something unforeseen happens." Pat Moran also was optimistic. "I shall make very few changes, if any," he said, "when my team starts the season. My ball club as it now stands suits me perfectly, and I expect to get the jump on my opponents because we shall have had the advantage of playing together as a unit for one full season. If my pitching staff comes through again as it did last summer I can't see how we are going to be beaten out for the pennant."

"Brooklyn should be able to present pitching strength second to none," said Wilbert Robinson, of the Dodgers. "The outfield is strong and we hope to improve the catching and the infield. Judging from the outlook, we should be in the first division, and that is a real accomplishment."

MILLER HUGGINS, of the Yanks; Kid Gleason, of the White Sox; Jimmy Burke, of the Browns; Jim Dunn, of Cleveland; George Gibson, of Pittsburgh; Fred Mitchell, of the Cubs, and Branch Rickey, of the Cards, also predicted great things for their clubs. They say the star heroes failed to live up to expectations last year, but will get back in their old stride in 1920.

Fisher Taking West Seriously HARVARD football players will be in excellent physical condition when they meet the University of Oregon eleven on January 1. Bob Fisher, head coach, is putting his men through strenuous workouts each day and is taking no chances. In this Fisher is a very wise person. Because Oregon is located on the other side of the continent does not mean inferior football is played. Those teams out there play just as well as our eastern elevens, and a glance through the 1916 record will disclose the startling information that the University of Pennsylvania was defeated by Oregon in a post-season game by the score of 14 to 0.

Penn did not take the game seriously and imagined it would be soft pickings. The players were slightly overconfident, and this made it easy for the westerners to spring a surprise. Hugo Bezdek coached Oregon then and the victory made him a national figure. Harvard has profited by this lesson and members of the team realize they are up against a tough proposition. For that reason Coach Fisher is working just as hard as before the Princeton and Yale games, and when the team steps on the field it will have been coached to the limit. It seems that Oregon hasn't a clear claim to the coast title, having been defeated by the Washington State by the score of 7 to 0. However, Washington University won from State and Oregon gained a 24-to-13 verdict over the university, which caused the comparative scores to be dragged in, and the decision awarded to Oregon. Oregon has a heavy team and plays up-to-date football. This year Multnomah was defeated 23 to 0, Idaho by 26 to 6, Washington by 24 to 13 and Oregon Aggies by 9 to 0. The schedule was a hard one, while Harvard had an easy time of it up to the Yale and Princeton games. The Crimson would make a big hit on the coast if the players are numbered. The natives out there want to know what it's all about, and anyway, it will be much easier to identify the stars. Oregon is sure to wear numbers and Harvard should follow suit.

SPEAKING of numbers, it is gratifying to note that Princeton will hang numbers on her players next season, no matter what is done at Yale and Harvard. As Fred W. Moore, graduate manager of Harvard, said a short time ago that the Crimson would adopt the system if Princeton and Yale agreed to do the same, it looks as if the public has won a much-deserved victory.

Here's Where Football Rules Are Plain AFTER a touchdown has been scored the ball is brought out on the field of play, where an attempt is made to kick a goal. Usually the kicker kneels the ball from the 15-yard line, and some imagine this line must be selected according to the rules. This, however, is a mistake. The kicker may choose any spot in the field of play, but it must be directly behind the point where the touchdown is made or the punt-out caught. For example, if a touchdown is scored ten yards from the sideline, the kicker must kick from a spot directly behind that mark, even if the ball is taken out to the 50-yard line. All of this is a prologue to a play which was pulled in a western game recently. The score was 7 to 0 when the other side made a touchdown near the sideline. A punt out was tried, but the kick was poor and the ball was caught on the 4-yard line a few yards to the right of the goal posts. An attempt was made to kick the goal from that spot and, of course, it failed. Had the kicking team remembered the rules the ball would have been taken out to the 15 or 20 yard line, where it would have been much easier to boot it over the crossbar. Then there would have been a chance for a tie score instead of losing the game by the score of 7 to 6.

IT WILL be well to remember this next year. Even the rules are clear on that particular point, which is strange and unusual. Here a look: "In case of a place kick preceded by a fair catch or a punt out, the kick shall be made from the mark of the fair catch OR ANY POINT DIRECTLY BEHIND IT."

MEMBERS of the old Baltimore Orioles, that famous baseball club which won the pennant three times with its all-star athletes, are holding reunions these days. Last week in New York Hughie Jennings, John McGraw, Willie Keeler, Wilbert Robinson, Joe Kelly and Kid Gleason met in the Waldorf and insisted they played on the greatest ball club that ever stepped on a diamond. Yesterday Tunis F. Dean, secretary and treasurer of the Orioles, paid us a visit, and wants his friends to know he is in the theatrical game and is press representative for Frances Starr at the Garrick.

FILIPINO BOXER COMING LAFAYETTE IN DEMAND

Kid Denicio Bent on Landing the Lightweight Crown Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 15.—"Kid" Denicio, a Filipino, will invade the United States, bent on capturing the world's lightweight boxing championship, according to Sergeant Harry Koster, of the army quartermaster's corps, who has arrived here on his way to San Francisco. Koster, who has been prominent in army and civilian sport circles in Manila, said Denicio holds the Oriental lightweight title, featherweight and lightweight championships.

CAMDEN NOW LOOKS LIKE SURE WINNER

Germantown Has Chance to Stop Skeeters on Wednesday Night at Armory

POTH SIGNS NEW CENTER

Can Camden be stopped by any team in the Eastern Basketball League? The nearest approach to halting the Skeeters looks to be the Germantown five and as the Suburbanites have an engagement with the Jersey men over in the Armory this week, the question of the winner of the first half may be decided before another week passes. As it is now the honors for the first twenty games already are conceded to the team across the river, but one can never tell what may happen, even in the game of basketball.

They have been lucky in several respects, especially in the matter of players injured. Campbell has missed only one game. Otherwise, their line-up has been intact from the start of the season. Germantown, the runner-up, was handicapped through injuries to Simendinger and Frankle, then Jack Lawrence jumped to Parkersburg. Harry Frankle's absence cost the Poth-Bennis clan last Tuesday's clash with Trenton, and it is a good thing for the management that they secured outside material or else the club would have been adorning the bottom of the list.

Other teams were shattered with injuries also. Sugarman's absence at Reading hurt, and then after he was traded Manager Ripp saw his mistake and offered to buy him back, but North Philadelphia refused, but later he was traded to De Neri. A couple of thousand fans were attracted to the Reading Armory Saturday evening to see the latest star signed by Frank Poth for Germantown. In action was "Stretch" Meehan, a giant that made "Big George" Haggerty appear as a pigmy. He towers 6 feet 6 inches.

His playing was wonderful, and the two shots that he caged were the most sensational of the entire Eastern League season. He landed them from way beyond the center. With Meehan at center Germantown is a new team. Meehan will be in the line-up tomorrow night against North Philadelphia and also will play at Camden Wednesday. Manager Myers, of De Neri, had announced the signing of Meehan, but Meehan never had seen or done any business with Myers. At Moose Hall this evening North Philadelphia met Trenton and the two players, formerly with the locals in Sulis and Muller, and they no doubt will play good ball against their opponents. Miller made two goals against Germantown last Tuesday night against Germantown. The Moose clan lost another on Saturday night when Lou Sugarman gave the best demonstration of shooting field goals ever seen in the Eastern League. His six two-pointers won the game, although his opponent, Jimmy Brown, came through with four on his own appearance in a North Philly uniform.

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING table with columns for W, L, P, C, and scores for Camden, Germantown, Trenton, etc.

BETHLEHEM SOCCER TEAM OUTCLASSED

Great Machine Breaks Down Before New York F. C. Attack. Score 4 to 1

New York, Dec. 15.—Coming here with a clean record of six consecutive victories this season, the great Bethlehem soccer machine broke down yesterday at Olympic Field, where the eleven of the New York football club cheered the hearts of three thousand excited spectators by defeating the national champions by 4 goals to 1. The game was in a championship fixture of the national football league. For once the famous Pennsylvanians were fairly outplayed, and they acknowledged it generously, although the heavy condition of the field, which in some ways was very muddy, might have given them a reasonable alibi. The New Yorkers, who a week earlier had been put out of the American cup by a close margin, were on their mettle and missed no opportunity. At half time the home team led by 3 to 0. A fourth point was tallied in the second half before the visitors succeeded in breaking through New York's defense. With ten minutes to go Fleming drove in hard from the left for Bethlehem, Porter making a good stop, but Pepper dashed in and scored Bethlehem's only goal.

OLYMPIA advertisement for Monday Evening, Dec. 15, listing boxing matches like Sammy Seiger vs. Jimmy Bradley.

BASKETBALL advertisement for N. PHILA. vs. DE NERI on Monday Evg., Dec. 15.

Most Healthful Xmas Gift advertisement for Phila. Jack O'Brien's \$15 3 Mths. Boxing Course.

Auditorium A. A. advertisement for Tuesday Evg., Dec. 16.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



HE THOUGHT HE'D GO OUT DOORS WITH HIS SLED AND "HITCH ON" BRIGGY

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL OF POCKET BILLIARDS

Nine High Runs of Forty or Better, a Record, Made in Recent Tourney Which Crowned Youth Greenleaf King—Winners Presented With Checks

By JAMES S. CAROLAN Pocket billiards has been re-established as a major sport. The one-time degenerate game of pool has returned not as one of gambling's leading pastimes, but under the title of pocket billiards is a sport that requires as much technique and science as the difficult ballkline game. The recent championship tournament, which brought together ten of the best exponents of the game, established many records. In the first place it drew more fans, it crowned its youngest champion and more high runs of forty or better were made, nine in all being accounted for. Billiards is due for its greatest revival. With the conclusion of the pocket billiard tourney it completed the series of three billiard championship sessions at the three styles of game—ballkline, three-cushion and pocket billiards. William H. Hooper retained his ballkline title, Robert Cannefax refused to be ousted as the three-cushion king, while Ralph Greenleaf was the only new champion crowned. According to the official averages Greenleaf was the class of the tournament. The records show that his triumph was carried. He had the highest average of 5.9, completing his 1158 points in 191 innings, incidentally having six high runs of forty or better. His best was seventy and his next run was a sixty-seven. Benny Allen, who was awarded second money, had an average of 5.1. Charles Seaback, who finished in a triple tie for fourth, had the third best average of 4.4. The winners and five runners-up were rewarded financially for their work. At a dinner held at the Hotel Stanton yesterday morning, T. A. Dwyer presented Ralph Greenleaf with a check for \$1,500, Benny Allen received \$1,250, Jerome Keogh \$1,000 while Louis Kreuter, Charles Seaback and Joseph Conannon divided three ways the fourth prize of \$750. Greenleaf also had more good luck. Frank Poth presented him with a diamond stickpin and George Jann handed him a beautiful leather wallet. R. B. Benjamin, manager of the tourney, which closed at the Parkway Building last Saturday night, was lost to the party and served as toastmaster. Among those present were the following: R. B. Benjamin, Thomas A. A. Dwyer, treasurer, Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co.; C. C. Peterson, St. Louis, who refereed the tournament; Ralph Greenleaf, Joe Conannon, James Maturro, Bennie Allen, Morris D. Fink, Jerome Keogh, Louis D. Kreuter, Charles Seaback, J. J. Baker, J. M. Neil, R. S. Gerson, Frank Poth, George Jann, Robert W. Maxwell, T. V. Ziekursch, Ted Hoyt, Alex H. Brooke, Edwin J. Pollock, James W. Gantz, James S. Carolan, Ross E. Kauffman, Neagle Rawlins, M. Tyson, Dr. George W. Wittmaier, Joe Gallagher, Doc Schell, Hugh Dorje, Walter F. Dunn and James Kieran.

Corley C. C. Defeats Waneta The Corley C. C. defeated Waneta on Sunday in a very fast and sensational game by the score of 22 to 16. The features of the game were field goals made by O'Neil and Duran and the all-around playing of Cosgrove, Kane, Dinan and Gilligan.

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BROWN DERBY GOES TO FOOTBALL FAN IN LINE OF PARTISANSHIP

Baseball Fanatic Takes Second Position When College Rooter Steps Into Competition—Gridiron Writer Always "Prejudiced, Biased, Ignorant, Unfair"

By GRANTLAND RICE Copyright, 1919. All Rights Reserved. The Setting Sun

"Men shut their doors against a setting sun."—Shakespeare. Now where the light is in the open sky, Here, where the cheers still sound above your play, Here, where the glory of the game moves by Within the borders of a drifting day, Hold fast your fame along the winning way, Recalling even when the fight is won That when you come in from the dusk, at bay, Men shut their doors against a setting sun."

It's morning now, and all the shadows fly Beyond the field that called you to the fray! It's flaming noon, and all the far winds cry Of laurel that could never know decay; The sky is blue, but let no dreams betray You, for those who triumph when the race is run, Remember, when golden dreams turn gray, Men shut their doors against a setting sun."

The line moves on with triumph in each eye Through youth and roses in a wild array; The future waits without a care or sigh Where Fate has nothing that could bring dismay; The far goal waits amid a rose-red spray For those who triumph when the race is run, But falter once and Destiny says—"Stay!" Men shut their doors against a setting sun."

Rise to the heights and find for coming days That each will know you as a paragon; Only to find, beneath Fate's bitter sway— Men shut their doors against a setting sun."

The Fanatical Victor YOU may have figured it out as 100 per cent Albert that the baseball fan leads the pack. This has been a widespread understanding. It is merely another of those beliefs that persist in hanging on. The baseball fan isn't one-two-twenty with the football partisan. His college is always getting the worst of it. As a football writer you are 'prejudiced, biased, ignorant and unfair!'

All of which merely adds its bit to the gaiety of nations. This sporting life may be checked, but it's never wholly dull. Why Luck? I HAVE heard a good many men," remarked a Harvard substitute the other day, "say that Casey made a lucky catch of a forward pass in the Yale game. He had to jump for it, and so it may have looked lucky. But I have seen Casey make too many catches of the same sort in practice through the season. He has worked hard on this play, and through this hard work is able to pull a football out of the air nine times out of ten. I don't believe there is a man in the game who can handle a forward pass with any sure effect.

LET HAS to be put out of his reach to get away from Casey—but there's no luck about it when he catches one. It is merely a normal happening."

HARVARD'S trip across the continent recalls a jaunt one of Michigan's famous elevens took eighteen or nineteen years ago. The Yost machine tackled Stanford on New Year's Day. The first half was a bitter battle, evenly fought. But at the start of the second half Neil Snow broke through for a touchdown and thereafter Stanford wilted under the power of the Wolverine drive. Michigan finally won by the score of 49 to 10.

McGraw to make drastic changes in his club." Very little of the "drastic," however, will be applied to right fielder Young, George Burns or pitcher Barnes.

MAY RUN ABROAD

Yale and Harvard Invited to Send Track Team to England Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 15.—A decision is expected this week on the invitation that has been extended Harvard and Yale to send a combined track team to England next summer to meet Oxford and Cambridge. W. F. Garbell, former graduate treasurer of athletics at Harvard, conferred last week with Lafayette B. Mendell, chairman of the Yale athletic committee, and it was said last night that a decision would be announced soon. The combination teams have met four times in international track competition, and are tied, England having won twice and the United States twice.

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